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ABSTRACT

This report about Dalton College's (Georgia) includes: a college profile update and information on the mission and core purposes, institutional accreditation, undergraduate programs, degrees and certificates, and senior administrative and academic personnel. The College is one of only four University System institutions in Georgia with a comprehensive Technical Division, jointly funded by the Board of Regents and the State Department of Technical and Adult Education. In September 1998, the Board of Regents approved three bachelor's degree programs for the College designed to meet the needs of business and industry and related industries in Northwest Georgia. Along with other University System of Georgia institutions, the College converted from the quarter system to the semester system in August 1998. It offers 89 associate degree and certificate programs and approximately 340 courses. The fall 1998 equivalent full-time enrollment was 1,822, and the operating budget for the 1998 fiscal year was 17.3 million dollars. Degrees and certificates conferred to students between July 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998, were as follows: Associate of Science, 36 percent; Associate of Applied Science, 22 percent; Certificates, 22 percent; Associate of Science--Nursing (RN), 12 percent; and Associate of Arts, 9 percent. (JA)

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College Profile Update

Chartered in July 1963 by the Board of Regents, Dalton State College began operations as the twenty-fourth unit of the University System of Georgia, with an enrollment of 524 students in 1967. The College, which began as a two-year, non-residential unit now serves Northwest Georgia through a broad array of associate, certificate, and targeted baccalaureate programs of study and a variety of public service and continuing education activities. The College also is one of only four University System institutions with a comprehensive Technical Division, jointly funded by the Board of Regents and the State Department of Technical and Adult Education. On July 1, 1996, the College assumed responsibility for the Dalton School of Health Occupations, bringing to the College certificate programs in Licensed Practical Nursing, Paramedic Technology, and EMS Technology. On September 9, 1998, the Board of Regents approved three bachelor's degree programs for the College designed to meet the needs of business and industry and related industries in Northwest Georgia.

The College operates on a semester system, offering three full regular terms of study within the twelve-month calendar year.

The College occupies a campus consisting of 141 acres in the "Carpet Capital of the World," within the city limits of Dalton, population 23,057, and is easily accessible from Interstate 75 at Exits 136 and 137.

The College serves a ten county region, with most students coming from five primary counties: Whitfield, 39 percent; Murray, 15 percent; Walker, 12 percent; Catoosa, 11 percent; and Gordon, 13 percent. It collaborates with three area technical schools (Pickens Tech in Jasper, Northwestern Tech in Rock Springs, and Coosa Valley Tech in Calhoun) in providing associate degree programs on site at those institutions.

The fall 1998 equivalent full-time enrollment was 1,822. The total student enrollment was 2,967 - down 2.8 percent over the prior year. 5.2 percent of enrolling students were minority. Fifty-nine percent were female and 41 percent were male. The average age is 25.7.

There are 99 full-time faculty members. 52 percent hold a doctorate, 41 percent are tenured and the average age is 46. The median age is 47. The average number of years employed at Dalton State College is 9.7.

Degrees and certificates conferred to students between July 1, 1997 and June 30, 1998 reveal the following graduation profile: Associate of Science, 36 percent; Associate of Applied Science, 22 percent; Certificates, 22 percent; Associate of Science - Nursing (RN), 12 percent; and Associate of Arts, 9 percent.

The operating budget for the 1998 fiscal year was 17.3 million dollars: 70 percent derived from state appropriations; 26 percent from tuition fees; and the remaining 4 percent from other sources. The average spending per full-time student for fiscal year 1998 was $6,579.

The major areas of College operating expenditures were: Instruction, 49 percent; Scholarships and Fellowships, 17 percent; Institutional Support, 14 percent; Student Services, 8 percent; Physical Facilities, 7 percent; and Academic Support, 6 percent.

The College offers 89 associate degree and certificate programs within 7 academic divisions and departments. Approximately 340 courses are offered to students. The College's Library is the second largest among two-year schools in the System, with collections of about 103,725 volumes. It is also a regional U.S. Government document depository.

Mission and Core Purposes

Dalton State College serves Northwest Georgia by offering associate, certificate, and targeted baccalaureate programs of study and a wide variety of public service and continuing education activities. Located at the center of the greatest concentration of carpet production in the world, the College is a comprehensive institution, one of only two in the University System authorized to offer a full range of technical programs in addition to the traditional pre-baccalaureate curricula and targeted baccalaureate offerings which meet workforce development needs of the Northwest Georgia area. Through direct and technological collaboration with neighboring technical institutes and other colleges and universities on the one hand, and outreach and cooperation with local preschool, primary, and secondary systems on the other, Dalton State College acts as an educational broker to meet the needs of business and industry and to provide opportunities for all persons within its service area to live self-fulfilling and productive lives.

Dalton State College shares with the other state colleges of the University System of Georgia the following core characteristics or purposes:

- *a commitment to excellence and responsiveness within a scope of influence defined by the needs of the local area and by particularly outstanding programs and distinctive characteristics that have a magnet effect throughout the region or state;*

- *a commitment to a teaching/learning environment, both inside and outside the classroom, that sustains instructional excellence, functions to provide University System access for a diverse student body, and promotes high levels of student learning;*

- *a high quality general education program that supports a variety of well-chosen associate programs and prepares students for transfer to baccalaureate programs, learning support programs designed to insure access and opportunity for a diverse student body, and a limited number of certificate and other career programs to complement neighboring technical institute programs;*

- *a limited number of baccalaureate programs designed to meet the economic development needs of the local area;*

- *a commitment to public service, continuing education, technical assistance, and economic development activities that address the needs, improve the quality of life, and raise the economic level within the college's scope of influence;*

- *a commitment to scholarship and creative work to enhance instructional effectiveness and to encourage faculty scholarly pursuits; and a responsibility to address local needs through applied scholarship, especially in areas directly related to targeted baccalaureate degree programs;*

Mission and Core Purposes (Cont'd)

- *a supportive campus climate, necessary services, and leadership and development opportunities, all to educate the whole person and meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff;*

- *cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity in the faculty, staff, and student body, supported by practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open, democratic, and global society;*

- *technology to advance educational purposes, including instructional technology, student support services, and distance education;*

- *collaborative relationships with other System institutions, State agencies, local schools, technical institutes, and business and industry, sharing physical, human, information, and other resources to expand and enhance programs and services available to the citizens of Georgia.*

In all that it does, Dalton State College strives for the highest possible standards of quality and excellence and systematically assesses and evaluates its effectiveness. Especially in its combination of associate level studies in the liberal arts and targeted baccalaureate degrees with a large complement of career programs in health-related, business, and technical fields; in the quality of its preparation of students for work or further study; and in its role as a broad-based information resource for the people of Northwest Georgia, the College seeks to build upon its strengths and to justify recognition as one of the most academically respected, student-oriented, and community-centered institutions of its kind.

Institutional Accreditation

The Southern Association of College and Schools initially accredited Dalton State College to award the associate degree in 1969. Accreditation was reaffirmed in 1973, 1984, and 1994. Professional accreditations of Dalton State College programs by accrediting agencies are:

Program	*Accrediting Agency*	*Date of last review*
Automotive Technology	National Institute for Automotive Technology	1998
Medical Laboratory Technology	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1996
Phlebotomy	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	1997
Nursing (RN)	National League of Nursing	1994
Licensed Practical Nursing	Georgia Board of Examiners of LPN	1997
Radiologic Technology	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	1995

Undergraduate Programs, Degrees and Certificates

Abbr.	Program	Division/Department	B.S.	B.A.S.	A.A.	A.S.	A.A.S.	R.N.	Cert.	Mini-Cert.
AUTM	Automotive Technology	Technical Education							X	
AGRC	Agriculture	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
ALHT	Health Unit Coordinator	Technical Education								X
ALHT	Medical Coding Specialist	Technical Education								X
BIOL	Biological Sciences	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
BUSA	Business Administration	Business & Social Sciences				X				
BUSA	Business, General	Business & Social Sciences					X			
CAPS	Health Information Management	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
CAPS	Microcomputer Applications	Technical Education					X			X
CAPS	Computer Service Technology	Technical Education					X			
CAPS	Computer Service Technology	Technical Education							X	
CHEM	Chemistry	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
CISM/CAPS	Computer Operations	Business & Social Sciences/ Technical Education					X		X	
COMM	Speech & Drama	Business & Social Sciences			X					
CRJU	Criminal Justice	Business & Social Sciences				X				
CMPS	Computer Science	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
CMPS	Information Systems	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
DRFT	Drafting & Design Technology	Technical Education					X		X	
DRFT	Computer-Aided Drafting	Technical Education								X
DTHY	Dental Hygiene	Natural Sciences & Math				X				

Undergraduate Programs, Degrees and Certificates (Cont'd)

Abbr.	Program	Division/Department	B.S.	B.A.S.	A.A.	A.S.	A.A.S.	R.N.	Cert.	Mini-Cert.
ECON	Economics	Business & Social Sciences				X				
EDUC	Education	Business & Social Sciences				X				
EVHT	Environmental Horticulture	Technical Education							X	
ELCT	Electronic Technology	Technical Education					X		X	
ELCT	Technology, General Studies	Technical Education					X			
ELCT	Technology, General Studies	Technical Education					X			
EMST	Emergency Services Management	Technical Education					X			
EMST	Basic Emergency. Medical Technology	Technical Education							X	
EMST	Paramedic Technology	Technical Education							X	
ENGL	English	Humanities			X					
FCSC	Family & Consumer Science	Business & Social Sciences				X				
FOLA	Foreign Language	Humanities			X					
FORE	Forestry	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
GEOL	Geology	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
GNST	General Studies	Humanities			X					
GNST	General Studies	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
HIST	History	Humanities			X					
IELT	Industrial Electrical Technology	Technical Education					X		X	
IELT	Industrial Electrical Contractor Co-op Program	Technical Education							X	
INPM	Industrial Plant Maintenance	Technical Education							X	
INDT	Technology, Industrial	Technical Education					X			
IOPM	Industrial Operations Management	Business & Technology	X							
JOUR	Journalism	Humanities			X					

Undergraduate Programs, Degrees and Certificates (Cont'd)

Abbr.	Program	Division/Department	B.S.	B.A.S.	A.A.	A.S.	A.A.S.	R.N.	Cert.	Mini-Cert.
LENF	Law Enforcement	Technical Education					X			
LPNS	Licensed Practical Nurse	Technical Education							X	
MATH	Mathematics	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
MGMT	Management	Business & Social Sciences					X			X
MISY	Management Information Systems	Business & Technology	X							
MRKT	Marketing	Business & Social Sciences					X			X
MLTS	Medical Technology	Technical Education				X				
MLTS	Nuclear Medicine Technology	Technical Education				X				
MLTS	Medical Laboratory Technology	Technical Education					X			
MLTS	Radiologic Technology	Technical Education					X			
MLTS	Phlebotomy	Technical Education								X
MOAS	Medical Office Assistant	Technical Education							X	
NURS	Nursing	Nursing				X		X		
OADM	Medical Office Administration	Technical Education					X			
OADM	Medical Transcription	Technical Education					X		X	
OADM	Office Administration	Technical Education					X			
OADM	Office Career Technologies	Technical Education							X	
OADM	Office Technology	Technical Education								X
OCTH	Occupational Therapy	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
PHAS	Physician Assistant	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
PHYS	Physics	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
PHED	Health & Physical Education	Health & Physical Education				X				

Undergraduate Programs, Degrees and Certificates (Cont'd)

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PHAM	Pharmacy	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
PHIL	Philosophy	Business & Social Sciences			X					
PHST	Physical Therapy	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
POLS	Political Science	Business & Social Sciences			X					
PSYC	Psychology	Business & Social Sciences			X					
RETH	Respiratory Therapy	Natural Sciences & Math				X				
SOCI	Social Work	Business & Social Sciences			X					
SOCI	Sociology	Business & Social Sciences			X					
SPAN	Spanish for International Trade	Technical Education								X
TEMA	Technology Management	Business & Technology		X						
WELD	Welding	Technical Education							X	
WELD	Welding: Industrial Plant Maintenance Option	Technical Education							X	
WELD	Welding: Machine Shop Option	Technical Education							X	

Notes:

a) Program abbreviations: B.S. = Bachelor of Science; B.A.S. = Bachelor of Applied Science, A.A. = Associate of Arts; A.S. = Associate of Science; A.A.S. = Associate of Applied Science; R.N. = Registered Nurse; Cert. = Certificate; Mini-Cert. = Mini-Certificate.

b) Division/Department abbreviations: Business & Social Sciences = Business Administration and Social Sciences; Health & PE = Health and Physical Education.

Source: Dalton State College, *1996-98 Catalog and Student Handbook*.

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